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Yuri Is My Job!

LIEBE GIRLS ACADEMY: A MISSION SCHOOL AND HAVEN FOR YOUNG MAIDENS ATOP THE HILL.

IT'S THE SEASON OF GREEN NEW BEGINNINGS.

THE UPCOMING **BLUME** SELECTION HAS BECOME THE TALK OF THE ACADEMY.

I WONDER WHO THE BLUME WILL BE THIS YEAR?

I'M SO EXCITED!

HAVE YOU DECIDED?

WHO ARE YOU GOING TO VOTE FOR?

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IT'S THE GIRLS FROM THE SALON! THEY'RE ALL TOGETHER!

EEEEE!

EVERY-ONE, LOOK!

OVER THERE!

SIGH

...

THEY'RE ALL SO WONDER-FUL...

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"THEY'RE ALL SO WONDERFUL..."

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THAT IS WHAT THE BLUME SELECTION IS ALL ABOUT.

PLEASE TRY TO EVOKE THAT KIND OF IMAGE.

Blume der Liebe

WE'RE THE ONES WHOM THE ACADEMY ENTRUSTS WITH TENDING TO THE SCHOOL'S VISITORS, AFTER ALL.

BEING A PART OF THE SALON TEAM IS A POSITION THAT IS ADMIRED BY THE REST OF THE STUDENT BODY.

I LOVE GOING TO WORK.

YOU COULD SAY THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE SALON SERVE AS THE "FACE" OF THE ACADEMY.

...'LADY BLUME' IS LIKE THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESI-DENT?

WAIT, SO DOES THAT MEAN...

WHISPER

I LOVE IT BECAUSE I GET TO SPEND MUCH MORE TIME CLOSE TO HIME-CHAN THAN I DO AT SCHOOL...

...IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT THE POSITION OF LADY BLUME WOULD BE SELECTED FROM FROM THE SALON TEAM. THUS...

...AND SO THAT'S WHY...

...AND BECAUSE I GET TO HELP HER OUT MORE, TOO.

THAT'S SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!

WHISPER

?

HIME-CHAN NEVER READS COMICS OR NOVELS...

...SO UNDERSTAND-ING THESE KINDS OF SCENARIOS IS HARD FOR HER.

DON'T YOU WORRY, HIME-CHAN.

I'VE BEEN PAYING ATTENTION!

NOW...

...LET'S TALK ABOUT THE BUSINESS SIDE OF THINGS.

DURING THE BLUME EVENT PERIOD, WE HAVE A SPECIAL CAKE MENU, CALLED "*BLUME NACHTISCH.*"

THESE ARE THE GUEST VOTES.

THEY WRITE THE NAME OF THEIR NOMINEE ON THIS CARD, AND CAST THEIR VOTE IN HERE.

THE GUESTS RECEIVE ONE BLUME SELECTION VOTING CARD WITH EVERY ORDER.

The ones we all made together, remember?

Blume

IT'S SERVED WITH A DESSERT FORK AND DESSERT KNIFE.

WE TREAT IT THE SAME AS THE OTHER DESSERTS. THE ABBREVIATION IS "BLUME."

Table No.	Item	Qty.	Price	Sub.
	Blume	1		

Mm-hm, mm-hm.

I'm going to cast my vote for—

...SO PLEASE TRY AND INCORPORATE THAT INTO YOUR CHARACTER, AND YOUR CONVER-SATIONS IN THE SALON.

WHEN WE ANNOUNCE THE RESULTS OF THE SELECTION, IT WILL ALSO BE REVEALED WHO VOTED FOR WHO...

90 votes each

x 5 people

= 450 votes

EACH OF OUR VOTES WILL COUNT AS 90, TO REPRESENT THAT.

THESE ARE COUNTED ON TOP OF THE VOTES FROM THE STUDENT BODY, OF WHICH THERE ARE 450.

...I'LL EXPLAIN THIS ALL TO YOU LATER.

DON'T YOU WORRY, HIME-CHAN...

...

Mm-hm, mm-hmm?

THIS IS REALLY JUST A GIMMICK TO BUILD UP MORE HYPE FOR THE COMPETITION, BY SAYING THAT THE SALON MEMBERS ARE VOTING, TOO.

THERE'S A MORE DETAILED EXPLANATION ON OUR WEBSITE, SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO TALK TOO MUCH ABOUT THE LOGISTICS.

WHEN WE'RE TALKING TO THE GUESTS, LET'S PRETEND EACH OF US ONLY GETS ONE VOTE.

IS IT ALL RIGHT TO TELL THE GUESTS THAT EACH OF OUR VOTES COUNTS FOR 90?

Blume der Liebe

...SHE GETS TO ISSUE A SINGLE "DECREE," IN ORDER TO MAKE LIEBE A MODEL ACADEMY.

AS LADY BLUME SETS THE STANDARD FOR A MODEL STUDENT OF LIEBE...

THIS IS SOMETHING THAT YOU ALL WILL ACTUALLY HAVE TO DO!

WHOEVER RECEIVES A CLEAR MAJORITY OF THE VOTES WILL BECOME *DIE BLUME DER LIEBE!*

AND THEN!

I WONDER IF THERE IS SOME-THING...

...THAT HIME-CHAN WOULD WANT TO DECREE...

OH...? IS HIME-CHAN PLOTTING SOMETHING?

...I DO RECALL READING SOME TRIVIA LIKE THAT...

COME TO THINK OF IT...

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...

...SO TRY AND THINK OF WHAT YOUR "DECREE" WILL BE BEFORE THEN.

THE BLUME PRESENTS THIS SPECIAL RULING OF HERS DURING HER ACCEPTANCE SPEECH...

I CAN DECREE SOMETHING LIKE THAT, RIGHT?

"I WANT EVERYONE IN THE ACADEMY TO LOVE ME."

THERE'S NOT ACTUALLY ANYTHING CONCRETE THAT I WANT...

WOW!

YOU'RE PRETTY EAGER, HIME-CHAN!

THAT'S FINE!

ARE WE ALLOWED TO VOTE FOR OURSELVES?

HIME-CHAN, THAT'S ALREADY WHAT BEING LADY BLUME MEANS!!!

DID YOU DECIDE ON A DECREE YOU WANTED TO MAKE?

VERY GOOD, VERY GOOD!

SEEMS LIKE YOU'VE GRASPED WHAT BEING LADY BLUME MEANS, IN YOUR OWN WAY!

RECEIVING THAT KIND OF TREATMENT IS ALREADY WHAT BEING LADY BLUME IS ALL ABOUT.

...SO ISN'T IT ONLY RIGHT THAT YOU GIVE YOUR VOTE TO ME?

YOU'RE MY LITTLE SISTER...

...

GUESS YOU DON'T.

I DON'T REALLY NEED A DECREE, THEN...

REALLY! IT'S NOT A BAD IDEA TO USE YOUR VOTE FOR YOURSELF.

REALLY?

IT'S A GOOD THING FOR HIME-CHAN TO AIM TO BE LADY BLUME, ISN'T IT?

ISN'T IT BEST IF HIME-CHAN JUST DOES WHAT SHE LIKES?

UMM...

...IS THAT REALLY WHAT IT MEANS TO BE "SISTERS"?

...

IF YOU DO, THEN I'LL VOTE FOR YOU TOO, HIME-CHAN.

HM, WHAT SHOULD I DO, THEN?

WILL YOU?

OF COURSE IT IS!

BUT, IF SHE'S GOING TO PLAY THE PART OF THE LITTLE SISTER CORRECTLY... SHOULDN'T SHE DO THAT?

YES, MA'AM!

GO GET 'EM!

THE BLUME PERIOD STARTS TODAY!

PERFECT! KEEP TALKING UP THE BLUME SELECTION JUST LIKE THAT IN THE SALON!

KANOKO-CHAN.

SHUFFLE

SHUFFLE

...

WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO ABOUT YOUR PHONE?

SHOULD I GIVE IT BACK TO YOU RIGHT NOW?

YES...?

IT'S ALREADY STASHED AWAY IN THE SAFE BOX, SO I WOULD HAVE TO OPEN IT BACK UP...

OR WOULD IT BE BETTER IF I GAVE IT BACK LATER?

LATER IS JUST FINE...

WELL NOW...

...WHICH ONE IS "FINE"?

...THAT'S FINE!

FINE?

...FINE...

...

LATER...

...LOCK IT RIGHT BACK UP ANYWAY, SO I'M FINE WITH GETTING IT BACK...

I WAS JUST ABOUT TO SAY, IF I GOT IT BACK NOW I WOULD JUST HAVE TO...

...AFTER CLOSING.

I'D ALREADY SHUT IT IN THE SAFE BOX BEFORE YOU ALL GOT HERE.

SORRY ABOUT THAT!

YOU NEVER GOT YOUR PHONE BACK, KANOKO?

...

I GUESS IT WOULD JUST BE A DISTRACTION DURING WORK, YEAH?

IT'S NOT REALLY THAT BIG OF A DEAL...

LET'S HAVE A GREAT DAY OUT THERE!

PAT

I'LL GIVE YOU THE PHONE LATER, THEN.

FLINCH

...HUH...?

...

I GUESS HIME-CHAN IS THE ONLY ONE YOU CAN TALK TO, HUH?

CAN YOU REALLY NOT TALK TO ME AT ALL, KANOKO-CHAN?

NO REALLY, THAT'S OKAY!

IT JUST CONFIRMED MY SUSPICIONS.

KA-CHIK

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...

AH...

DID YOU THANK HER FOR PICKING UP YOUR PHONE?

I GOT MY POINT ACROSS...

I WAS FINE...!

YOU REALLY DID GET LOST FOR WORDS AGAIN, HUH?

KANOKO...

...

Plus, she's not a stranger!

YOU NEED TO LEARN HOW TO SPEAK TO PEOPLE WHO AREN'T ME!

YOU DID THIS YESTERDAY, TOO! YOU COULDN'T EVEN TALK ON THE PHONE.

...

...

I JUST GET SO NERVOUS...

...TALK-ING TO STRANG-ERS...

THE FUNDA-MENTALS OF A FAÇADE!!!

GREETINGS! GRATITUDE!

SORRY...

THUMP

...AND YET SHE WANTS TO MAKE ME TALK TO OTHER PEOPLE...

GETTING TO TALK TO HIME-CHAN IS SO IMPORTANT TO ME...

HIME-CHAN IS CUTE, AND SHE'S AN AMAZING ACTRESS.

...I COULD NEVER BE AS CUTE AS HIME-CHAN IS.

BUT...

SHE CAN DO IT BECAUSE SHE'S CUTE.

LET'S START OFF WITH BEING ABLE TO TALK NATURALLY WITH YOUR CO-WORKERS HERE.

AT LEAST TRY TALKING TO PEOPLE WHO YOU'RE FAMILIAR WITH.

TNK

...BUT IS IT REALLY NECESSARY...

...FOR ME TO TALK TO THE PEOPLE HERE?

...

I KNOW I NEED TO DO THIS, IF I WANT TO HELP HIME-CHAN...

BLUME EVERYWHERE...

BLUME, BLUME...

HERE IS YOUR *BLUME NACHTISCH*...

...AND YOUR VOTING CARD.

COULD I HAVE A *BLUME NACHTISCH*?

I'LL HAVE THE SAME!

JUST WHEN I THOUGHT ALL THE SPRING-TIME CHATTER WAS DYING DOWN A BIT...

...NOW THE WHOLE ACADEMY IS A-TWITTER WITH THIS BLUME TALK.

TACHIBANA-SAMA!

THE BLUME SELECTION IS A LONG-STANDING TRADITION OF OUR ACADEMY.

OF COURSE EVERYONE IS TALKING ABOUT IT.

AS A FELLOW CANDIDATE FOR LADY BLUME, PLEASE COMPORT YOURSELF APPROPRIATELY, TACHIBANA-SAMA!

I BELIEVE THAT *YOU* ARE THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE CHOSEN AS *DIE BLUME DER LIEBE!*

YOU'RE AWFULLY SERIOUS ABOUT THIS.

IF YOU CARE SO MUCH ABOUT IT, THEN YOU SHOULD JUST GO FOR THE TITLE.

TACHIBANA-SAMA!!!

THE WISDOM AND POISE WITH WHICH YOU CARRY YOURSELF ARE SOMETHING THAT EVERYONE ADMIRES.

I BELIEVE YOU HAVE A DUTY TO BECOME LADY BLUME, AND LIVE UP TO THAT ADMIRATION!

HONESTLY...

I'M TELLING YOU, I HAVE NO INTEREST IN BEING LADY BLUME...

WHOOOOOAAA

WHAT'S WITH YOU, YANO?

...

I SHOULD LIKE TO KEEP LEADING MY PEACEFUL DAYS UNHINDERED.

WHY THAT'S ALL THE MORE REASON TO!

WON'T YOU PLEASE EARN THE LADY BLUME LABEL AND RECOGNIZE YOUR TRUE STATUS?

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HM

I'D LIKE TWO!

ME TOO, PLEASE!

...BLUME NACHTISH, PLEASE!

I'D LIKE ANOTHER...

WHAT'S GOING ON?

...AND THEN YOU TURN AROUND AND BACK GYARU-SENPAI?

YOU TELL ME THAT I'M SUPPOSED TO VOTE FOR YOU...

NO NEED FOR ME TO HOLD BACK.

IN THAT CASE, I'LL JUST DO WHATEVER I LIKE.

I SEE.

HMM. HMPH!

CLUNK

HERE...

...IS YOUR BLUME NACHTISCH.

If you could?

I WOULD LOVE IT IF I COULD BECOME LADY BLUME...

I THINK IT'S WONDERFUL!

OH YES, THE BLUME!

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE WHOLE BLUME PROCESS, SHIRASAGI-SAN?

I WANT TO BE LADY BLUME!

THERE'S A CHANCE! EVEN FOR ME!

I HOPE YOU ALL THROW LOTS OF VOTES MY WAY!

AHH

OHH

THE WHOLE THING HINGES ON A POPULARITY CONTEST!!!

WELL, OBVIOUSLY I'M GUNNING FOR IT!!!

I'D LOVE TO SEE A FIRST-YEAR AS LADY BLUME!

SHIRASAGI-SAN AS LADY BLUME? THAT COULD BE GREAT!

SQUEE

SQUEE

One Blume Nachtish, please!

One for me, too!

IF SUCH AN HONOR EXISTS...

...THEN OBVIOUSLY I WOULD AIM TO BE NUMBER ONE!!!

A CONTEST THAT SEEKS TO FIND THE MOST BELOVED...

I'LL BE BEHIND YOU ALL THE WAY IN YOUR MISSION TO BECOME LADY BLUME.

DON'T YOU WORRY.

...THAT'S PROBABLY WHAT HIME-CHAN IS THINKING.

SHIRASAGI-SAN.

...

STARE

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YOU'RE ALWAYS NUMBER ONE, AFTER ALL...

...?

LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE GIVING IT YOUR ALL IN THE LADY BLUME RACE.

THEN, COULD I GET YOU TO TALK TO AYANOKOUJI-SAN FOR ME?

YOUR ONEE-SAMA SEEMS HELL-BENT ON MAKING ME INTO LADY BLUME.

SO... SHE IS...

TELL HER, "I'M WORKING REALLY HARD, SO PLEASE JUST LET TACHIBANA-SAMA RELAX..."

...OR SOME-THING.

BUT IF THAT'S WHAT SHE'S SAYING...

...THEN YOU SHOULD LISTEN TO HER, TOO, TACHIBANA-SENPAI...

YEP! I'M TRYING MY BEST!

SUCH A COLD LITTLE FIRST-YEAR...

TUG

LET'S BOTH DO OUR BEST, TACHIBANA-SENPAI!

GLANCE

SSF

WHY DON'T YOU FORGET ABOUT YOUR ONEE-SAMA ONCE IN A WHILE...

...AND SPEND A LITTLE OF THAT KINDNESS ON ME?

...JUST A MINUTE...?!

TACHIBANA-SAMA...???

WAAA

?

BUT I LOOK UP TO MY ONEE-SAMA...

AAAAAA

IF YOU KEEP ACTING SO STIFF, YOU'RE GOING TO END UP JUST LIKE YOUR ONEE-SAMA.

SHOVE

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PLEASE DON'T MAKE SUCH A SCARY EXPRESSION.

I WAS JOKING.

HM?

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Is she jealous?

Jealous?

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MURMUR ざわ

MURMUR ざわ

LET'S KEEP AT IT LIKE THIS AND MAKE THE BLUME SELECTION A SMASHING SUCCESS!

GREAT WORK, EVERY-ONE!

YEAH!

THE BLUME EVENT'S OFF TO A BOOMING START!

FWUMP

Invoice

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CAREFUL NOT TO DROP IT AGAIN, OKAY?

HERE YOU GO, KANOKO-CHAN.

...

SO, WHAT'VE I DONE TO MAKE YOU GLARE AT ME LIKE THAT?

...

I NEVER THOUGHT THAT SHE WOULD BE THE TYPE TO GET BETWEEN ME AND HIME-CHAN...

...BUT... I DON'T KNOW... I DON'T LIKE THIS...

WAS SHE ALWAYS SOMEONE WHO WOULD...

...GET SO WEIRD AND FRIENDLY WITH HIME-CHAN LIKE THAT?

WHAT...?! HIME-CHAN?!

THIS GIRL'S GETTING TOO FRIENDLY WITH YOU...!

THAT'S NOT IT!

Come on! Say something already!

RIGHT?

KANOKO?

IT'S A GOOD THING IT WASN'T SOME STRANGER THAT PICKED UP THAT PHONE.

KANOKO'S PRETTY SHY ABOUT A LOT OF THINGS!

JUMP ぴょいん

IT'S IMPORTANT FOR KANOKO-CHAN THAT SHE GETS TO TALK WITH YOU, RIGHT?

AW, IT'S NO BIG DEAL.

KANOKO, C'MON!

SHE'S A DANGEROUS ONE. I JUST KNOW IT...

YOU DON'T HAVE TO FORCE HER TO TALK TO ME.

SHE SEEMS TO UNDERSTAND HOW I FEEL...

EVEN WHEN SHE WAS MESSING WITH HIME-CHAN EARLIER, SHE WAS LOOKING AT ME...

HOW...?

SHE WASN'T WATCHING HIME-CHAN, SHE WAS WATCHING ME?

WAIT... WAS I WRONG?

...I GUESS I MIGHT'VE HAD A LOT OF THEM...

IS IT... BECAUSE SHE SAW THOSE?

THAT'S NORMAL THOUGH, RIGHT? TO HAVE PICTURES OF YOUR FRIENDS...

AH... UM...?!

DID THOSE PHOTOS GIVE ME AWAY...?!

...!!!

STARTING TODAY WE HAVE TO HANDLE THIS JOB AFTER CLOSING TIME, TOO.

COM-ING!

COME TO THE SALON, I WANT TO SHOW YOU HOW TO TALLY UP THE VOTES.

HIME-CHAN, KANOKO-CHAN!

KA-CHK

I'D LIKE TO SEE THEM UP TO SPEED ON THE CONCEPTS BEHIND THIS PLACE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

SO LET'S MAKE THIS "READING TIME FOR TWO."

WE CAN HANDLE ALL THE TALLYING AND CLOSING TASKS.

...WHAT WOULD YOU THINK ABOUT US HAVING THESE TWO DEDICATE THIS PERIOD TO READING UP ON *A MAIDEN'S HEART?*

MAI-SAN...

OH, NOW ISN'T THAT A GOOD IDEA?

PAT

...OKAY.

WELL THEN, WE'LL START TODAY. HOP TO IT.

LET'S GO, MAI-SAN.

WELL?

HOW ABOUT IT, KANOKO-CHAN?

...

BUMP !!

...!

KANO-KO!

TH...!

THANK YOU... VERY MUCH.

OH, FOR THE PHONE!

...

...FOR PICKING UP MY PHONE FOR ME...

NICE JOB!

PAT

...

FLIP

BUT, SHE MADE IT SO THAT CLOSING TIME IS JUST FOR ME AND HIME-CHAN...

...SO I DON'T THINK SHE'S GOING TO INTERFERE. BUT STILL...

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HAS THAT GIRL FIGURED ME OUT...?

WHAT DO I DO...?

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OKAY!
I FEEL
BETTER
NOW!
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CHK

...HIME-CHAN.

...BUT THERE'S ALREADY A PERFECT QUOTE IN HERE FOR YOU AND ME...

A MAIDEN'S HEART... WE'VE ONLY JUST STARTED READING IT...

女の心

CREAK

"...MY HEART IS POUNDING AS THOUGH YOU'RE HOLDING ME."

"...AND YET..."

"THERE ARE FEW THINGS I CAN DO WHILE THIS LOVE OF MINE IS STILL CONCEALED."

"THE ONLY WAY WE CAN TOUCH ONE ANOTHER IS ONE STRAND OF YOUR HAIR TO MINE..."

...HIME-CHAN!

I WON'T LET ANY-ONE COME BETWEEN US...

AND HERE I THOUGHT I'D HAVE TO TRICK HER INTO IT.

...

Shift 12 – End

I'LL BE DOING MY BEST...

...HIME-CHAN...

...

OH?

SALU-TATIONS...

YOU'RE HERE EARLY!

...

Shift 13 It's "Gyaru," Right?



DID YOU COME HERE ALONE TODAY?

...?

USUALLY YOU'RE WITH HIME-CHAN.

IT'S WEIRD TO SEE YOU HERE BY YOURSELF.

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WHAT'S UP?

I'M JUST MAKING A BIT OF SMALL TALK HERE!

...?!

NO NEED TO BE SO STIFF!

C'MON NOW, DON'T IGNORE ME!

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THUMP

eeeeeeeeeE

eek!

...

YOU THOUGHT SHE WAS A STRANGER?

THAT'S WHAT SHE'S ALWAYS LOOKED LIKE.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU DIDN'T RECOGNIZE HER?

...

I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE HER...

IT'S HARD TO THINK OF SOMEONE WHO LOOKS LIKE *THAT* AS TACHIBANA-SAN...

WHAT...?

WELL, I MEAN...

...BUT I HAVEN'T SEEN HER LOOKING LIKE THAT AT ALL SINCE THAT TIME EITHER...

MY FIRST MEETING WITH HER AS A GYARU LEFT A STRONG IMPRESSION ON ME...

COME TO THINK OF IT...

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN HER OUT OF HER UNIFORM...

SHE'S ALWAYS READING A BOOK WHEN WE'RE IN THE SALON...

I REALLY... THOUGHT THAT SHE WAS MUCH MORE OF A QUIET TYPE.

...

...BUT YOU HAVE BEEN TALKING TO HER THIS WHOLE TIME, SO YOU SHOULD STILL BE able TO GET ALONG, RIGHT?

WELL, AS YOU'VE SEEN, SHE'S A GYARU-TYPE SENPAI...

FLINCH

THESE ARE JUST FASHION GLASSES.

THAT'S KIND OF A STEREO-TYPE...

I MEAN SHE DOES, BUT...

AND SHE WEARS GLASSES...

I JUST HAVE A BOOK OPEN WHEN WE'RE OUT IN THE SALON.

HUH?

I MEAN, I'M NOT ACTUALLY READING.

I SORT OF FIGURED THEY WERE READING GLASSES FOR WHEN YOU'RE OUT IN THE SALON.

OH... I SEE...

...

IT MAKES ME LOOK...

...LIKE MORE OF AN INTELLECTUAL SENPAI, DOESN'T IT?

IGNOR-
ING ME
AGAIN...?

...

OH...
I SEE...

...

SWIF

I'M
HURT,
KANOKO-
CHAN.

AND
HERE I
THOUGHT
WE WERE
STARTING
TO GET
ALONG.

...!

HIME-
CHAN...!

PLEASE
DON'T
BLAME
HER FOR
THIS.

SHE
DIDN'T
MEAN
ANYTHING
BAD BY
IT.

SHE
WAS JUST
STARTLED,
BECAUSE SHE
DOESN'T KNOW
YOU VERY
WELL YET.

SHE'S NOT
IGNORING
YOU OR ANY-
THING ...

...

I THINK SHE MIGHT'VE LOOKED THROUGH MY PHONE...! SHE MIGHT EVEN KNOW HOW I FEEL...!

THIS GIRL MIGHT BE DANGEROUS, THOUGH...!

GRRNNN

GRRN

HIME-CHAN?!

SQUEEZE

KANOKO'S A GOOD GIRL. PLEASE TRY AND BE KIND TO HER!

OF COURSE!

I CAN'T EXPLAIN ANY OF THIS TO HIME-CHAN, THOUGH...

...

ARE YOU REALLY THAT AFRAID OF ME?

SHE'S PRETTY BLATANTLY AVOIDING ME, THOUGH.

...

MORNING...

I GUESS I CAN GIVE YOU THE WORD FROM THE KITCHEN WHILE I'M HERE, THEN.

SALUTATIONS, NENE-SAN!

CREAK...

OH?

WHAT'S EVERYONE DOING HERE SO EARLY TODAY?

THE *BLUME NACHTISCH* CAKES HAVE BEEN MORE POPULAR THAN WE EXPECTED, SO THE SERVINGS WE DEFROSTED FOR TODAY MIGHT NOT BE ENOUGH TO MEET DEMAND.

IF THAT HAPPENS, WE MIGHT HAVE TO SWITCH TO SERVING A NO-BAKE MATCHA CHEESECAKE PARTWAY THROUGH, SO PLEASE LET THE CUSTOMERS KNOW.

ROGER THAT!

SO WE'VE BEEN SERVING FROZEN CAKES...

NO WORRIES!

I ALREADY HAD SOME EXTRAS PRINTED.

MAI-SAN...

...WE'RE PROBABLY GOING TO RUN OUT OF VOTING CARDS, ALSO.

KEEP PUSHING IT WITH ALL YOU'VE GOT, EVERYONE! DON'T HOLD BACK!

THAT MEANS THAT THE BLUME EVENT IS A HUGE SUCCESS!

THIS IS PERFECT!

SO I BET YOU'LL BE VOTING FOR HIME-CHAN FOR BLUME, RIGHT KANOKO-CHAN?

...

I'VE HAD PLENTY OF TIME TO KEEP THINGS RUNNING BEHIND THE SCENES, AFTER ALL.

...

GULP

HUP

YOU'RE AIMING TO BE THE BLUME, RIGHT, HIME-CHAN?"

I MEAN, ISN'T IT OBVIOUS I'M VOTING FOR HIME-CHAN...?

...?

BETTER THINK OF HOW YOU'RE GONNA ANSWER.

I'M SURE SOMEONE'S GONNA ASK YOU ABOUT IT IN THE SALON.

HIME-CHAN ALREADY HAS MY VOTE, SO SHE'S FINE!

YEAH!

WHAT A LIVELY RESPONSE! NICE ENERGY!

IT'S GREAT TO BE THE BLUME, ISN'T IT?

YEP!

TURN

SLAP

I'D APPRECIATE IT, THANK YOU!

YOU MEAN IT?

EHEE

IF YOU KEEP BRINGING IT LIKE THAT, I MIGHT JUST HAVE TO THROW MY VOTE IN FOR YOU, TOO!

EHEE

...FOR WHEN YOU'RE OUT WORKING IN THE SALON, PLEASE!

SAVE THAT CONVER-SATION...

Gut!

YOU THREE!!!

GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.

...

SIGH...

JUST WHAT IS SHE TRYING TO DO?

I CAN'T EVEN FIGURE HER OUT NORMALLY, BUT NOW...

THIS GIRL REALLY IS GOING TO GET BETWEEN ME AND HIME-CHAN.

IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN...

WELL THEN, I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU.

SUMIKA-SAN, MAKE SURE YOU TELL MITSUKI-SAN TOO, OKAY?

WERE YOU JUST LOOKING AT ME?

SWIF

SO SHE REALLY IS A GYARU...

SHE'S A LOT SCARIER NOW...

I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR ORDER.

PLEASE WAIT, IT WILL BE OUT SHORTLY.

FLIP

HERE IS YOUR *BLUME NACHTISCH!*

PLEASE ENJOY!

SHE REALLY FITS THE PART!

...

AH...

...SITTING PEACEFULLY, READING ALL ALONE, WHILE EVERYONE ELSE IS WAITING TABLES...

TACHIBANA-SAN IS A WONDERFUL SIGHT...

SUCH A PEACEFUL SALON SCENE...

SHE'S JUST A LAZY GYARU.

SHE'S OVER-BEARING, AND OVER-FAMILIAR.

NOW THAT I KNOW THAT, I'M COMING TO UNDERSTAND HER BETTER.

*...THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, SHE ISN'T **REALLY** WORKING WHEN SHE'S DOING THAT...*

NOW...

SHE ISN'T EVEN ACTUALLY READING...

BUT TO ALL OF THE CUSTOMERS SHE LOOKS LIKE A BOOK-WORM...

DO YOU ALL LIKE TO READ?

COME TO THINK OF IT, I HAVEN'T ASKED YOU FIRST-YEARS.

YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.

I REALLY LIKE BOOKS.

IS IT A DIFFERENT BOOK EVERY TIME?

NOT THAT YOU'RE ACTUALLY READING THEM...

YOU SEEM TO BE READING A LOT, TACHIBANA-SENPAI!

STIFLING...!

I SEE...

...AND BOOKS ARE KIND OF STIFLING.

TALKING WITH EVERYONE IS WAY MORE FUN...

SHOOM

Façade Choice

- I should try for the charm of being a bookish character.

- Don't overdo it. I'm already cute enough.

...DON'T READ BOOKS VERY MUCH.

WELL, ACTUALLY... I...

WHY DON'T YOU TRY THINKING OF IT THIS WAY?

IN BOOKS, YOU'LL FIND STORIES...

...OF PLACES, OF PEOPLE, OF THINGS THAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW.

THERE ARE AS MANY WORLDS AS THERE ARE BOOKS.

WHEN YOU READ, YOU CAN SPEND ALL THE TIME YOU LIKE IN THAT GREAT, BIG WORLD.

IT ISN'T LONE-SOME, OR STIFLING.

WOOOOOOH!!!

SHE'S GOT THE PERFECT VIBE FOR LADY BLUME!

...

YOU CAN FEEL THE LIEBE SPIRIT OVERFLOW-ING!

OH, THIS IS PERFECT! THIS IS WONDER-FUL!

MUCH WIDER THAN THE NARROW HALLS OF THIS ACADEMY.

THERE'S A WIDE WORLD WITHIN THESE PAGES.

...WHEN SHE DOESN'T EVEN READ BOOKS?!

HOW CAN SHE SAY THAT SO NATURAL-LY...

SHE'S JUST SAYING THAT...

...BECAUSE HIME-CHAN DOESN'T READ.

I CAN INTRODUCE YOU TO SOME MORE ACCESSIBLE TITLES, IF YOU'D EVER LIKE.

I GUESS I HAVE A BIT MORE RESPECT FOR THEM NOW.

SHE CAN LIE EVEN MORE EASILY THAN I CAN...

WAY MORE...

DO YOU LIKE TO READ?

HOW ABOUT YOU, AMAMIYA-SAN?

I WAS THINKING OF RECOMMENDING THIS ONE TO YOU, ACTUALLY.

IT'S A LOVE STORY, ABOUT A MIDDLE-CLASS ENGLISH HOUSEHOLD.

...

IS THAT ANOTHER MADE-UP STORY...?

HUH...? WHAT...?

IT ADDRESSES THINGS LIKE THE SNOBBERY OF BEING OVERLY CONSCIOUS OF ONE'S SOCIAL STANDING.

IT HAS A VERY CYNICAL WRITING STYLE. IT'S A FUN READ.

THAT'S A FAMOUS NOVEL, ISN'T IT?

WITH THE RIGHT REFERENCES, SOME OF THE CUSTOMERS WILL PROBABLY KNOW WHAT SHE'S TALKING ABOUT....

KANOKO DOES LIKE TO READ.

RIGHT?

...UM.

WHAT'S HER ANGLE HERE?

IT APPEARS I MAY HAVE OVERSTEPPED A BIT.

UH...

SHEF

I GUESS I REALLY...

...CAN'T UNDERSTAND THAT GIRL...

IS TALKING TO TACHIBANA-SAN REALLY THAT DIFFICULT?

I'M SORRY.

HIME-CHAN...!

SHINE はぁ…あ

KANOKO, ARE YOU OKAY?

...

IT'S FINE! I'M TRYING.

...BUT I THINK I SHOULD BE ABLE TO TALK TO HER PROPERLY.

...

IF I DON'T TRY HARDER...

...I WON'T BE ABLE TO PROTECT HIME-CHAN.

SHE MIGHT BE A GYARU... AND SHE MIGHT BE SCARY...

YOU KNOW...

WELL THAT IS TRUE...

SHE'S NOT A SCARY GYARU.

BUT SHE *IS* A GYARU, RIGHT?

...

HUH...?

YOU'RE WRONG, THOUGH.

DON'T TALK ABOUT PEOPLE BEHIND THEIR BACKS.

...BUT WILL YOU QUIT TALKING ABOUT HOW SUMIKA'S A GYARU?

...I KEEP HEARING YOU SAY IT...

HUH...? DID WE...

...SAY SOMETHING WRONG...?

...

I'M SORRY...

...IS BECAUSE SHE ALWAYS ARRIVES EARLY, AND GOES HOME LATE, DON'T YOU THINK?

PLUS, THE REASON THAT YOU ALL NEVER SEE SUMIKA AS SHE NORMALLY IS...

FWSH

OH, WHAT'S UP?

DID WE RUN OUT OF BLUME CAKES ALREADY?

...

HERE YOU GO.

WE'RE STILL GOOD.

AWE-SOME.

AND THE DRINKS FOR TABLE 7?

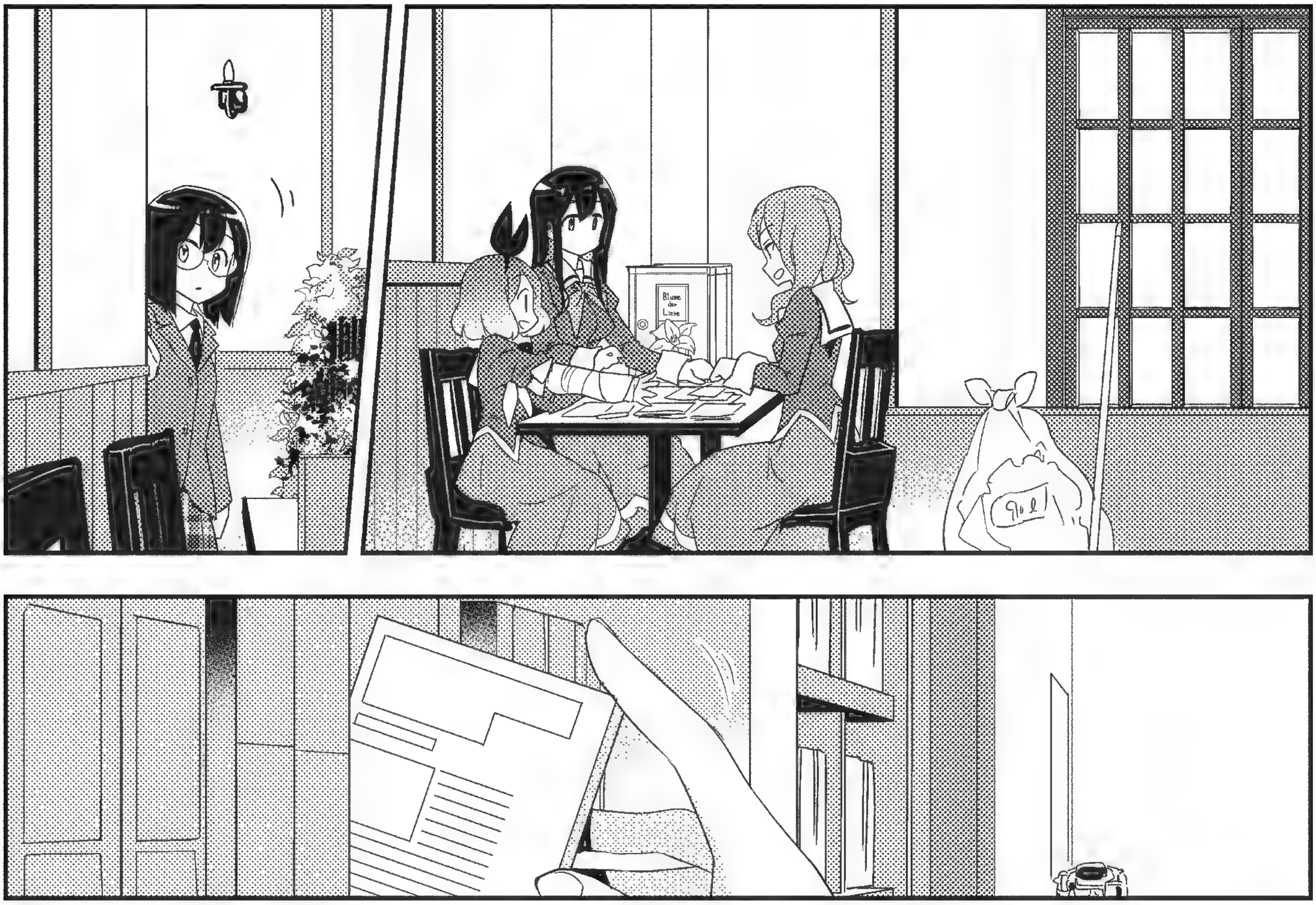
ONLY UPPER-CLASSMEN ARE SUPPOSED TO HANDLE ALCOHOLIC DRINKS, ANYWAY.

NO, I'M FINE.

WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO CARRY THOSE?

TACHIBANA-SAN...

IF I EVER FORGET SOME, MAKE SURE YOU COME AND TELL ME, YEAH?


Blume der Liebe
Blume


IT SOUNDS JUST LIKE SHE WAS DESCRIBING IT...?
THIS MATCHES THE SYNOPSIS...
...OH!
FWIP...

OH?

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DID I...

...GET YOU INTERESTED IN THAT BOOK?

IF YOU HAVEN'T READ THAT ONE, I RECOMMEND IT.

IT'S ABOUT A ROMANCE THAT STARTS OFF WITH A BAD FIRST IMPRESSION. IT'S PRETTY FORMULAIC AND APPROACH-ABLE.

YOU REALLY DO LIKE TO READ, HUH, KANOKO-CHAN?

HOW DO YOU KNOW ALL THAT...?

...

...THAT'S WHAT I WAS *THINKING* I'D TELL YOU ABOUT ANYWAY.

...WELL...

AND ALSO...

...APPARENTLY THEY MADE A MOVIE VERSION OF IT WHERE THEY MANAGED TO WORK ZOMBIES IN SOMEHOW...

IF I WAS ACTUALLY READING, I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DO MY JOB.

I MEANT IN THE SALON.

OH!

...THAT YOU DON'T READ BOOKS.

YOU SAID...

THE ONLY BOOKS I HAVE OPEN IN THE SALON ARE ONES I'VE ALREADY FINISHED READING.

CHIBANA.

TACHIBANA-SAN...

...

...

TACHI-BANA-SAN...

...

YOU CAN CALL ME CHIBANA OR SUMIKA WHEN WE'RE OFF THE CLOCK, OKAY?

MY REAL NAME IS SUMIKA CHIBANA.

...YOU KEEP TRYING TO TALK TO ME...

EVER SINCE YOU...

...PICKED UP MY PHONE THE OTHER DAY...

...

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO?

ALL I WANT TO DO IS GET TO KNOW YOU.

GEEZ...

HIME-CHAN?

SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO TENSE AROUND ME, YEAH?

IT'S TRUE!

...IS THAT SO?

...

THAT'S *A MAIDEN'S HEART*...

DID YOU DECIDE TO READ IT TOO, HIME-CHAN?

I'LL STILL HAVE YOU TELL ME ABOUT IT...

...BUT I FIGURE IT'LL BE RUDE TO GYARU-SENPAI IF I DON'T AT LEAST MAKE AN ATTEMPT TO READ IT MYSELF.

SHE KEEPS DOING ALL MY WORK FOR ME WHEN IT COMES TO THIS.

SPEAK-ING OF TACHIBANA-SAN...

...SHE MIGHT NOT BE SUCH A SCARY PERSON AFTER ALL.

YES, THAT'S IT!

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I'VE BEEN TRYING TO SAY!

Shift 13 – End

I already know...

OH?

SHOULD YOU REALLY BE MEDDLING IN OTHER PEOPLE'S ROMANCES?

...

Shift
14

Whom Shall I Vote For?

...ONE *WEISSBIER*, IS THAT CORRECT?

YEP!

SO THEN, SHIMAMOTO-SAMA...

...YOUR ORDER WAS A *BLUME NACHTISCH*, A *KOCH SALAMI*...

...AND...

HIME-CHAN!

I'LL BRING OUT THE TABLEWARE AND THE VOTING CARDS!

THANKS, KANOKO!

AND I WILL TAKE UP ALL OF THE EMPTY PLATES.

THANK YOU SO MUCH, ONEE-SAMA!

THAT'S NOT JUST A GIMMICK OF THE SETTING, THOUGH.

HERE IN THE SALON, WE STUDENTS ALL GET ALONG IN HARMONY.

IT'S THE FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP WE ALL SHARE THAT MAKES THIS PLACE.

I WOULD JUST BE SCOLDED IF THEY FOUND OUT I WAS SLACKING OFF AGAIN.

THAT'S ALL RIGHT.

TACHIBANA-SAN...? I'M NOT SURE THAT ANY OF THE OTHERS HEARD YOU.

?

...TO SEE MY CUTE KOHAI WORKING SO HARD EVERY DAY...

...IT FILLS ME WITH SUCH JOY...

I DID SEE.

I'VE GOTTEN REALLY GOOD AT TAKING ORDERS NOW!

DID YOU SEE?

YOU'RE REALLY GIVING THIS YOUR ALL, HIME.

...

ONEE-SAMA!

I'LL KEEP SERVING MY VERY BEST!

THAT'S BECAUSE I WANT TO BE LADY BLUME!

I'M SURE THAT EARNESTNESS OF YOURS WILL COME ACROSS TO OUR VISITORS.

YEP! I HOPE I GET LOTS OF VOTES FROM EVERY-ONE!

MY... ...THAT'S WONDER-FUL.

SHE'S SO EXPRESSIVE THESE DAYS.

YANO-CHAN...

EVER SINCE HIME-CHAN GOT HERE, I'VE SEEN SO MANY EXPRESSIONS CROSS HER FACE.

ANGER, JOY, SADNESS...

THAT GIRL HAS MUSCLED HER WAY INTO MAKING FRIENDS WITH YANO-CHAN.

HIME-CHAN...

SHE'S A KIND AND PURE-HEARTED GIRL.

HER UNDER-STANDING OF THE CAFÉ'S THEMING IS DUBIOUS...

...BUT SHE ALWAYS GIVES IT HER ALL IN THE SALON.

WELL NOW, THAT'S ANOTHER STORY.

IN THE BLUME SELECTION...

SO YOU'LL GIVE ME YOUR VOTE, TOO, RIGHT, ONEE-SAMA?

LET'S KEEP AT IT, JUST LIKE THAT, OKAY?

I'M GONNA KEEP WORKING AT THIS SERIOUS-LY...

OKAY!

YANO-CHAN IS AS STUBBORN AS EVER, THOUGH.

TO BE THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THIS ACADEMY, YOU NEED SOMEWHAT OF A GRACEFUL BEAUTY.

...?

Guh.

BUT THAT'S NOT NECESSARILY THE MOST SUITABLE CHARACTER FOR LADY BLUME TO HAVE.

I KNOW THAT YOU'VE BEEN WORKING HARD...

TCH

...

YEAH!

THANK YOU, KANOKO!

I'LL STILL SUPPORT YOU IN BECOMING THE BLUME...!

HIME-CHAN...

...

NOW THAT I KNOW HER MOTIVES, IT'S PRETTY EASY TO FIGURE HER OUT.

THEN THERE'S KANOKO-CHAN...

I THOUGHT SHE WAS JUST SOME TIMID SIDE-KICK, BUT SHE'S FAR FROM IT.

...AND SHE WON'T LOOK AT ANYONE ELSE.

SHE'S ALWAYS LOOKING AT HIME-CHAN...

SHE'S BROUGHT ROMANCE INTO THIS.

STEP...

SMILE

...

I AM...

BEING THE BLUME IS A HARD THING FOR A FIRST YEAR.

SO, HAVING THE SUPPORT OF HER CLASS-MATE WILL MAKE HER MUCH STRONGER.

AMAMIYA-SAN, YOU'RE BACKING SHIRASAGI-SAN AS LADY BLUME, RIGHT?

...

YOU'RE SUCH A GOOD FRIEND, AMAMIYA-SAN.

HELPING HIME-CHAN MAKES ME HAPPY...

YES...

...

I WILL BE GIVING HER MY VOTE, TOO...

...JUST AS YOU SAID, TACHIBANA-SENPAI.

WH-WHAT?

I'M SO GLAD!

IN THAT CASE, SHOULD I VOTE FOR YOU, THEN?

HIME-CHAN?!

...THAT'S RIGHT?

JUMP

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YOU'RE VOTING FOR ME THEN, KANOKO?

GRIN

Z

AWWWW

REALLY?

YOU SHOULD BE WORKING TOWARDS IT WITH ME.

I DON'T WANT TO BE LADY BLUME ANYWAY...

NO, THAT'S FINE...

IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU TWO FIRST-YEARS GETTING ALONG.

...YOU HAVE A BIG SISTER TO BE THINKING OF.

YOU SHOULD CONSIDER VOTING FOR HER.

BUT, SHIRASAGI-SAN...

I NEVER SAID I WAS UNHAPPY?!

...TACHI-BANA-SAMA?!

TA...

OH? BUT DIDN'T YOU SAY SO YOURSELF?

YOUR ONEE-SAMA LOOKS SO UNHAPPY ALL ALONE OVER THERE.

THAT YOU HOPED YOUR LITTLE SISTER WOULD VOTE FOR YOU?

Seems like something happened?

...I DID SAY THAT, BUT...

Did something happen?

EXCITED

EXCITED

THE ONE WHO I BELIEVE TO BE MOST SUITABLE FOR LADY BLUME...

HIME SHOULD VOTE HOWEVER SHE CHOOSES TO!

...IS NOT MYSELF, BUT YOU, TACHIBANA-SAMA!

EVEN MY OWN ONEE-SAMA WON'T SUPPORT ME...

...SO THAT'S HOW IT IS, THEN...

HMPH!

HIME...?

...

I ALREADY TOLD YOU.

THE BLUME COMPETITION IS FOR THE SAKE OF DECIDING A REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE SCHOOL...

しゅ しゅ しゅ SSSINK...

...SO YOUR FIRST YEAR IS A LITTLE TOO EARLY FOR THAT...

BUT I'M TRYING SO HARD.

AM I REALLY NO GOOD?

IF YOU STILL WON'T SUPPORT ME, EVEN AFTER ALL THIS...

...I'LL BE SO SAD, ONEE-SAMA.

~~~...

GUH...

GOODNESS.

AAAAA

I'LL THINK ABOUT IT, AT LEAST.

YAY!!

YOU REALLY ARE...

...SUCH A SELFISH LITTLE GIRL.
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WHEN I THINK ABOUT THE PAIR OF THEM BECOMING *BLUME SCHWESTERN*...

...I UNDERSTAND WHY IT IS THAT YOU WANT TO SUPPORT SHIRASAGI-SAN SO BADLY.

SUCH A WONDERFUL PAIR OF SISTERS.

GWIP

...

...

...

...

Us, too!

DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE ALREADY DONE READING IT?!

H...HUH? KANOKO...

BOOK: A MAIDEN'S HEART *(PART 2)*

I STILL HAVEN'T EVEN FINISHED PART 1....

WHAAAAT?

I'VE BEEN TAKING IT HOME TO READ, TOO...

YEAH...

WANT ME TO TELL YOU ABOUT IT?

THE POINT IS THAT WE'RE A FRIENDLY PAIR OR SOMETHING, RIGHT?

DON'T ASK ME!

HIME-CHAN...

...DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO BE *SCHWESTERN*?

...

Still...

I WONDER IF READING LIKE THIS IS REALLY GONNA HELP ME UNDERSTAND THE CONCEPT OR NOT...

Things?

I STILL HAVE A FEW THINGS TO DO...

NOT JUST YET.

YOU HEADING HOME?

IF YOU'RE ALREADY DONE READING, THEN WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO NOW, KANOKO?

CLATTER

...OR SOMETHING.

RIGHT?

I CAN TELL BY TALKING TO HER THAT SHE ACTUALLY ISN'T TIMID.

KANOKO-CHAN...

THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT SHE MIGHT DO...

SHE'S QUITE STRAIGHT-FORWARD WHEN IT COMES TO HIME-CHAN.

NO...

THAT'S JUST FINE...

I DO HAVE TO GET BACK TO WORK AFTER THIS, THOUGH.

AH.

ASK ME WHATEVER YOU LIKE!

WELL NOW!

I'M GLAD FOR YOU TO BE THE ONE TO TALK TO ME FIRST, KANOKO-CHAN!

...

SO? WHAT DID YOU WANT TO ASK, THEN?

...I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE CONCRETELY...

...WHAT THE CONCEPT MEANS FOR US HERE AT THE CAFÉ.

I FINISHED READING *A MAIDEN'S HEART*, BUT...

...*"SCHWESTERN"*...?

WHAT EXACTLY ARE...

IT'S A GENTLE BOND, SECURED BY A STURDY CHAIN...

OR SOME-THING.

THEY'RE PRETEND SISTERS.

PARTNERS, WHO SUPPORT EACH OTHER.

...

HM...

IT'S NOT THE SAME AS A ROMANTIC CONNECTION.

TWITCH

...

THAT'S KIND OF ABSTRACT...

WELL, I MEAN, IF YOU THINK TOO HARD ABOUT THIS STUFF, YOU WON'T GET ANY WORK DONE.

THAT'S TRUE...

THE ONLY ONE AROUND RIGHT NOW AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO BE *SCHWESTERN* WITH IS ME, ANYWAY.

SO, YOU SHOULD TRY AND CONCERN YOURSELF A LITTLE LESS OVER THE WHOLE *SCHWESTERN* THING, KANOKO.

THOUGH, IT'S A PROBLEM IF YOU FIGHT.

YOU'RE NOT PRETENDING TO BE LOVERS, AND WE'RE NOT ASKING YOU TO BECOME LOVERS.

WELL, IF I CAN'T BE *SCHWESTERN* WITH HIME-CHAN, THEN I DON'T NEED A *SCHWESTER.*

...

BEING *SCHWESTERN* REALLY ISN'T THAT STRONG OF A BOND, THEN, IS IT.

...

SO, I WONDER WHY IT IS THAT HIME-CHAN IS *SCHWESTERN* WITH THAT GIRL...

I'M HIME-CHAN'S ONLY FRIEND.

I THINK THE TWO OF THEM MAKE IDEAL SISTERS.

THAT'S...

...BECAUSE THEY GET ALONG.

THE TWO OF THEM BECAME FAST FRIENDS.

I KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO WORRY ABOUT A *FRIEND...*

KANOKO-CHAN.

YOU SEE...?

THAT'S JUST WHAT I MEAN.

...CONSTITUTES BEING FRIENDS?

JUST WHAT ABOUT THAT...

...HIME-CHAN'S JUST GOING TO END UP HATING YOU.

...BUT IF YOU TRY TO MONOPOLIZE HER LIKE THAT...

NOT OVER SOMETHING LIKE THAT...

C'MON... DON'T CRY...

...

HANG ON...

KANOKO-CHAN?

...

YOU MAKE IT SO I CAN'T EVEN SAY ANYTHING...

THAT'S NOT FAIR...

...

...

...

HIME-CHAN...

CLACK

FLINCH

KA CLACK...

...

...

WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT...?

SLIDE...

SHOULD YOU REALLY BE MEDDLING...

...IN OTHER PEOPLE'S ROMANCES?

I already know...

...what happens when you bring romantic feelings into this place.

It's the friendly relationship we all share that makes this place.

Here in the salon, we all get along in harmony.

...that friendly relationship is easily broken.

And yet...

I won't let it be broken again.

Shift 14 – End

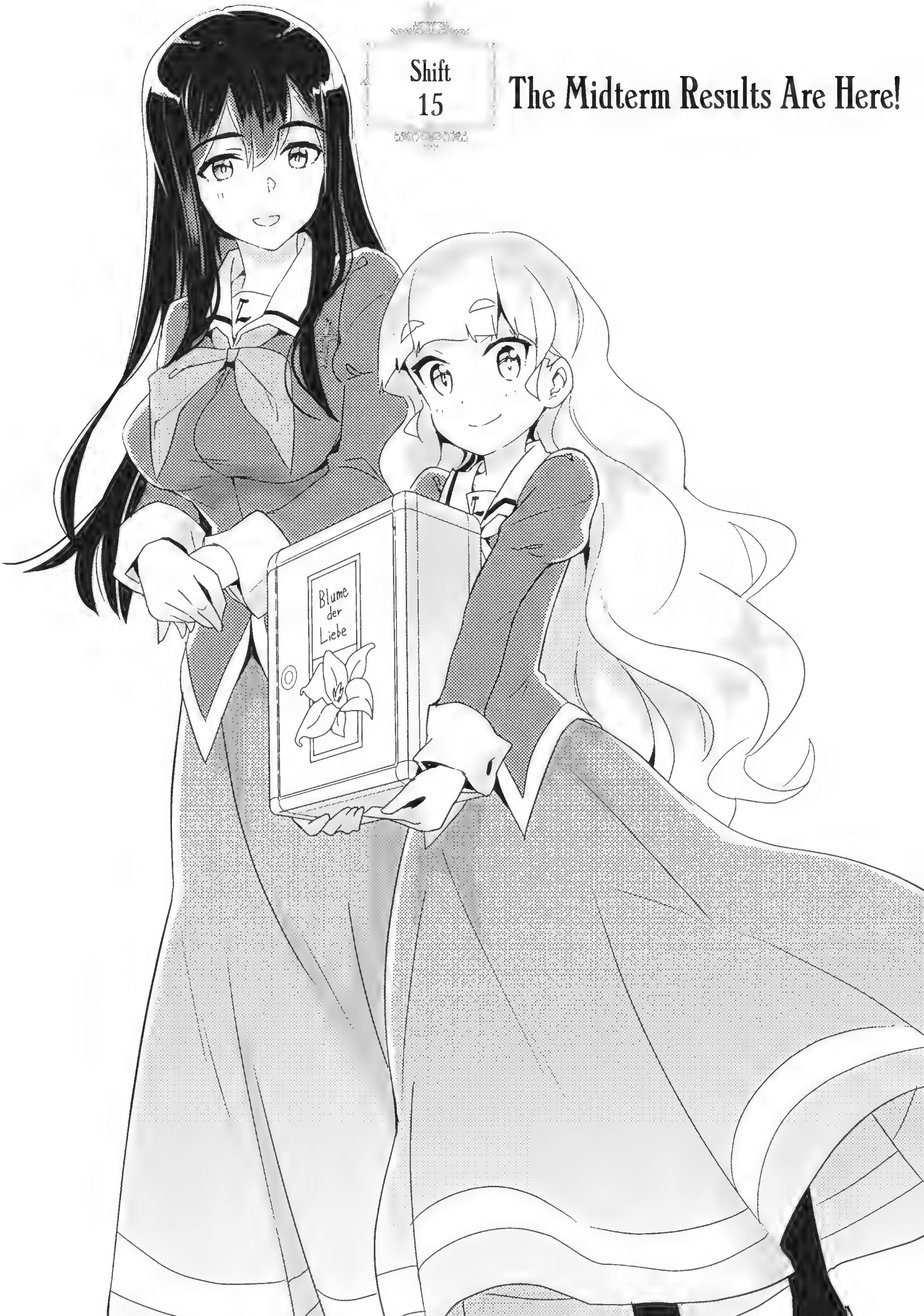
I HAVE TO STOP HER.

...IF SHE TRIES TO BREAK THE BONDS THAT WE ALL SHARE, THEN...

IF KANOKO-CHAN BRINGS HER ROMANTIC FEELINGS INTO HERE...

Shift 15

The Midterm Results Are Here!







FWIP...

Selection Midterm Results

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...IN LAST PLACE?!

WHY AM I...

IN FACT, YOU'VE BEEN A MODEL LITTLE SISTER, LATELY.

YOU'VE BEEN WORKING REALLY HARD, HIME-CHAN.

WHAT... IS THIS...?

ER... UM...

BUT WHY?!

I GUESS BEING LADY BLUME MYSELF WAS A LONG SHOT TO BEGIN WITH, HUH...?

THE RESULT OF WHICH BEING A LANDSLIDE OF VOTES FOR YOUR ONEE-SAMA.

"I WOULD LOVE TO SEE THEM AS *BLUME SCHWESTERN!*"

I BET A LOT OF CUSTOMERS HAVE BEEN THINKING...

"OH, WHAT PERFECT *SCHWESTERN!* THEY'RE SO WONDER-FUL!"

YOU GIVE YOUR WORK YOUR ALL, BUT YOUR SKILLS ARE STILL UNREFINED.

YOU'RE THE IDEAL TYPE TO BE LADY BLUME'S LITTLE SISTER.

YOU'RE CUTE, BUT YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO BE CALM.

COLD

MMM, YOUR CHARACTER ISN'T REALLY SUITED TO BEING LADY BLUME.

HM

THAT'S NOT IT, MITSUKI-SAN.

IT'S ONLY THANKS TO YOU THAT I'M BEATING OUT SUMIKA-SAN.

SEE? THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I'VE BEEN SAYING.

HMPH

...THAT TYPE MIGHT BE MORE SUITED TO BEING LADY BLUME.

HAVING AN ALOOF AIR OR CALM DEMEANOR LIKE SUMIKA-SAN...

I DON'T THINK THAT THIS HAPPENED ON HIME-CHAN'S POWER ALONE. I BELIEVE THAT YOU YOURSELF FACTORED INTO THIS RESULT, MITSUKI-SAN.

I FIGURED THAT SUMIKA-SAN, WHO'S A THIRD-YEAR AND AN INAUGURAL MEMBER OF THE STAFF, WOULD BE A SHOO-IN...

...AND YET, YOU MANAGED TO BEAT HER.

IT ISN'T ENTIRELY THANKS TO HIME-CHAN'S INFLUENCE THAT YOU'RE IN FIRST PLACE.

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2. Sumika Tachibana 11C
3. ... Amamiya 501
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I SEE...

...YOU'VE BEEN PRETTY SPECTACULAR!

EVER SINCE YOU BECAME *SCHWESTERN* WITH HIME-CHAN...

THANK YOU VERY MUCH...

WHAT...?

WE CAN'T CHANGE THE RESULTS.

SO THINGS MIGHT STILL SHAKE OUT FOR YOU.

WELL, IF MITSUKI-SAN WINS THEN YOU STILL GET TO BE *BLUME SCHWESTER* ANYWAY.

I'LL GIVE UP ON BEING LADY BLUME.

THE RESULTS ARE WHAT THEY ARE.

SO THAT'S FINE.

IT'S NOT LIKE I WAS TRYING TO WIN AGAINST...

...?

...

SIGH

I STILL NEED TO CHANGE...

HANG ON... KANO-KO...?

SHOVE

SHOVE

HM?

THANKS!

I'M EXCITED TO SEE YOU TWO AS *BLUME SCHWESTERN!*

TUG

TUG

BUT AREN'T YOU AIMING TO BE NUMBER ONE?

HM...

I MEAN I DO KIND OF WANT THAT, TOO...

...BUT THAT'S NOT IT...

LIKE, I WOULDN'T MIND IF YANO WAS BLUME...

ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO SETTLE FOR *BLUME SCHWESTER?*

YOU'VE BEEN TRYING SO HARD TO BE THE BLUME...

WHAT'S GOING ON, HIME-CHAN...?

...

I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING WORTH PRAISING, DON'T YOU?

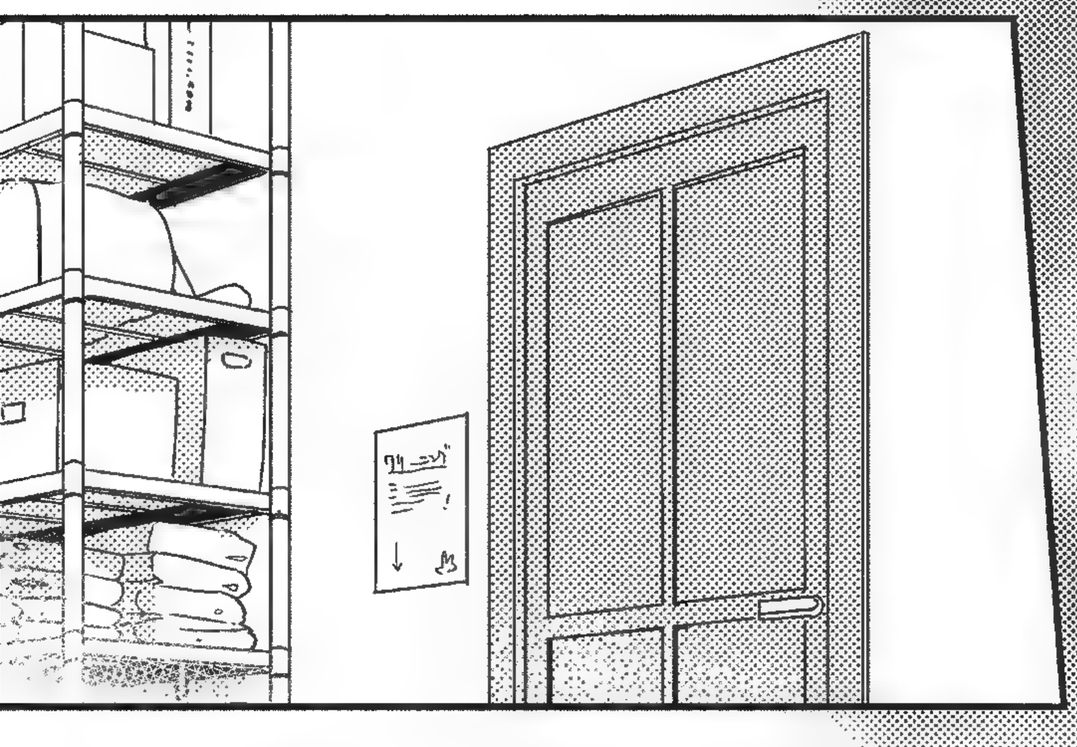
YANO USED TO BE REALLY BAD AT PUTTING ON APPEARANCES...

...BUT HERE SHE IS DOING IT FOR WORK...

I THINK THAT KIND OF FEELING MIGHT ACTUALLY BE WHAT BEING A *SCHWESTERN* PAIR IS ALL ABOUT.

IT ACTUALLY MAKES ME KIND OF HAPPY.

WHEN I THINK OF IT THAT WAY, IT DOESN'T REALLY BOTHER ME.




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TACHIBANA-SAN...

PLEASE BE LADY BLUME!

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Liebe Girl's Academy Blume Selection Committee

CONGRAT-ULATIONS ON YOUR MIDTERM WIN!

CONGRAT-ULATIONS, AYANOKOUJI-SAN!

INDEED.

LOOKS LIKE IT'LL BE YOU VERSUS TACHIBANA-SAN FROM HERE ON OUT!

I NEVER THOUGHT THAT I WOULD BE ABLE TO STAND SHOULDER-TO-SHOULDER WITH TACHIBANA-SAMA...

...SO I SHALL CONSIDER THIS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN A THING OR TWO.

YAY

YAY

YAY

WE KNOW!

YOU HAVE OUR SUPPORT THOUGH, AYANOKOUJI-SAN!

I ALREADY PLEDGED MY OWN SUPPORT TO TACHIBANA-SAMA.

STILL... THIS IS QUITE THE PICKLE.

...IT'S TOO BAD THAT SHIRASAGI-SAN FELL SO FAR BEHIND...

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...NO.

I'M NOT DEPRESSED ABOUT IT OR ANYTHING.

THES RESULTS HAVEN'T DAMPENED YOUR SPIRITS TOO MUCH, HAVE THEY?

HIME.

Blume der Liebe

ARE YOU SURE? YOU...

I MEAN, OF COURSE I STILL DO WANT TO BE LADY BLUME.

...WANTED SO BADLY TO BE THE BLUME YOURSELF...

...

I'VE ACTUALLY BEEN THINKING HOW NICE IT WOULD BE FOR YOU TO BE THE BLUME INSTEAD OF ME, ONEE-SAMA.

AWW...

...IT MAKES ME AS HAPPY AS IF IT WERE ME MYSELF.

BUT WHEN I THINK ABOUT MY ONEE-SAMA BEING LADY BLUME...

SO I WAS THINKING IT WOULD BE BEST...

...TO SUPPORT YOU AS MUCH AS I CAN IN THE TIME WE HAVE LEFT.

TWINGE...

...

SO...

...I'LL KEEP SERVING MY VERY BEST FOR THE REMAIN-DER!

I'M SURE THAT SHE DID, SO WHAT'S GOING ON?!

BUT DIDN'T YANO TELL ME I SHOULD BE SUPPORTING HER?

WHAAAT?!

WHISPER

STOP BEING RIDICULOUS AND GIVE YOUR SUPPORT TO TACHIBANA-SAN!!!

WHY ME?!

"Tachibana-san, please be Lady Blume!"

BUT THAT'S BASICALLY THE SAME AS HIME-CHAN BEING THE BLUME HERSELF, ISN'T IT?

IT'S NOT...

HIME-CHAN IS GOING TO BECOME BLUME SCHWESTERN WITH THAT GIRL...

YEAH, SHE PROBABLY IS.

AT THIS RATE...

PLEASE BE LADY BLUME, TACHIBANA-SAN...

...

ANYWAY, YOU'LL HAVE MY VOTE, SO...

THIS JUST ISN'T RIGHT...

YOU'RE QUITE THE SCHEMER, KANOKO-CHAN.

HAVING THAT MANY VOTES COULD REALLY ALTER THE RESULTS...

...AND I COULD PROBABLY GET MAI-SAN'S HELP IF I ASK HER.

THERE'S MY VOTE AND YOURS...

WITH ALL FOUR OF US THAT MAKES 360 VOTES.

...AND I'LL PROBABLY GET YANO-CHAN'S...

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90 votes=
360 votes

...HAVING ALL THE STUDENT VOTES COULD GIVE ME ENOUGH TO WIN.

I MEAN...

YOU SAID THAT I COULD RELY ON YOU FOR ANYTHING, TACHIBANA-SAN.

...

...DID YOU THINK I'D LISTEN TO YOU?

STILL...

...YOU'RE TELLING ME TO BE THE BLUME FOR SUCH UNCLEAR REASONS...

...

PLEASE... AT LEAST HEAR ME OUT.

I HAVE SOMETHING THAT I WOULD LIKE TO ASK OF YOU, KANOKO-CHAN.

VERY WELL.

IF YOU'LL LISTEN TO THAT IN EX-CHANGE...

...

YOU REALLY ARE SOMETHING, KANOKO-CHAN...

SERIOUS-LY...

PHEW

...THEN I'LL TURN THE TIDE OUT THERE IN THE SALON TODAY.

IT'S ALL OVER NOW...

...KANOKO-CHAN.

OKAY...

...

...GETTING JEALOUS OVER SOMETHING AS SILLY AS THE SCHWESTERN CONCEPT.

YOU CAN'T JUST LET EVERY LITTLE THING ABOUT THE PERSON YOU LIKE DICTATE YOUR MOOD...

BEFORE EVERYTHING WE'VE BUILT HERE IS DESTROYED.

THIS HAS TO END HERE.

...

NOPE.

I DON'T PLAN TO, ANYWAY.

HIME-CHAN...

YOU AREN'T AIMING TO BE LADY BLUME ANYMORE, THEN...?

I WILL NOT...!

YOU'LL HAVE TO VOTE FOR SOMEONE TOO, SO...

...WHY DON'T YOU VOTE FOR MY ONEE-SAMA INSTEAD?

AH, WELL THEN...

...I DON'T NEED TO VOTE FOR YOU, THEN, RIGHT?

IN THAT CASE...

...

...

THAT'S NOT WHAT SHE MEANS, SHIRASAGI-SAN.

STEP

ARE YOU NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE BLUME SELECTION...?

WHY? KANOKO...

...

...JUST AS YOU FEEL ABOUT AYANOKOUJI-SAN.

THE ONE WHO SHE FEELS IS MOST SUITABLE...

AMAMIYA-SAN WISHES TO CHOOSE WHO TO SUPPORT FOR HERSELF.

SLIDE...

CHATTER

Oh?

Oh?

...?

...

...BELIEVE THAT TACHIBANA-SAN IS THE MOST SUITED TO BE LADY BLUME...!

I...

...BUT IT SEEMS SHE FINALLY MANAGED TO WORK UP THE COURAGE.

SHE COULDN'T BRING HERSELF TO COME OUT AND SAY IT...

AMAMIYA-SAN HAS BEEN IN STRONG SUPPORT OF MY BEING LADY BLUME FOR A WHILE NOW.

WOOO

...I GUESS I BETTER NOT FAIL TO LIVE UP TO EXPECTA-TIONS.

OOO

SEEING THAT I HAVE SO MUCH SUPPORT FROM MY CUTE LITTLE KOHAI...

O

FINALLY?!

...FOR A WHILE?!

EEE

IS THERE... A NEW STORY ABOUT TO UNFOLD?!

IT DID SEEM LIKE THERE WAS SOMETHING GOING ON BETWEEN THOSE TWO LATELY!!!

THAT OUGHT TO BE ENOUGH...

PHEW

WE'LL BE ROOTING FOR BOTH OF YOU, AMAMIYA-SAN!

ME TOO! I'LL SUPPORT YOU!

...

I'LL VOTE FOR YOU, TACHIBANA-SAN!

WHISPER...

LOOKS LIKE IT WORKED OUT...

...KANOKO-CHAN.

PAT

...

IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'VE PUT SOME THOUGHT INTO THIS.

...YOU SHOULD GO AHEAD AND VOTE FOR TACHIBANA-SENPAI, THEN!

WELL...

YES...

I'M GLAD I CAME TO YOU, TACHIBANA-SAN.

THANK YOU...

...FOR EVERYTHING TODAY.

...

WE TURNED THE TIDE, YEAH?

YES...

DON'T MENTION IT.

IT SEEMS LIKE YOU SHOULD BE GETTING A LOT MORE BLUME VOTES, NOW.

MY REQUEST, HM?

I'VE BEEN WANTING TO SAY SOME-THING FOR A WHILE...

...MM.

NOW, IT'S MY TURN TO HEAR YOUR REQUEST.

WHAT DID YOU WANT FROM ME, TACHIBANA-SAN...?

IF ALL YOU FEEL FOR HIME-CHAN...

...IS A SIMPLE AFFECTION...

BUT IT MIGHT'VE WORKED ITSELF OUT ALREADY...

...IF IT COULD BE SETTLED AS EASY AS THIS...

AH...

WHAT I MEANT JUST NOW WAS...

I'm Lovin' it

Simple ENJOY THINK

LET'S HEAR IT.

...COULD I MAKE ONE MORE REQUEST OF YOU?

THEN...

I GUESS IT'S OVER THEN.

...YEAH.

PLEASE USE THAT POWER TO ABOLISH THE *SCHWESTERN* SYSTEM.

WHEN YOU BECOME LADY BLUME, YOU GET TO MAKE A "DECREE," RIGHT?

IF YOU DO THAT, THEN I'M SURE THAT WILL BRING BACK THE OLD HIME-CHAN.

...HUH?

SHE'S BEEN ACTING REALLY WEIRD LATELY.

CLUNK

KANOKO-CHAN...

YOU KNOW *EXACTLY* WHAT OUR FOUNDATIONAL CORE IS.

...YOU REALLY *DO* KNOW.

YOU KNOW EXACTLY *WHAT* TO DESTROY, AND HOW...

...TO MAKE THE BONDS BETWEEN ALL OF US FALL APART.

THAT'S WHY YOU'RE JEALOUS OF HER BEING *SCHWESTERN.*

YOU LIKE HIME-CHAN ROMANTICALLY, DON'T YOU?

YOU HAVE TO STOP.

YOU HAVE TO STOP ALL OF THIS.

GIVE UP ON HIME-CHAN.

Shift 15 – End

WOW! THIS CAME OUT AMAZING!

Congratulations on Your Wedding
HAPPY WED

There it is.

The cuteness of her façade.

I'M SURE SENSEI'S GONNA LOVE THIS! ★

EVERYONE REALLY GAVE IT THEIR ALL HERE!

Shift 16.5 Break Time Is Kanoko's Job!

SORRY THAT WE HAD TO ASK YOU TO MAKE IT ALL OVER AGAIN, MAMIYA-SAN.

GULP

...WHEN WE FOUND OUT THAT THE SIGNBOARD HAD BEEN DESTROYED.

I WAS WORRIED ABOUT HOW IT WAS ALL GOING TO COME OUT...

...is all an act.

I'm the only one who knows that Shiraki-san's cuteness...

...IT'S... ALL RIGHT.

EVERY-ONE ELSE HELPED OUT, TOO.

WE ALL REALLY SHOULD'VE PITCHED IN FROM THE START!

...

HESITATE...

I'M NOT REALLY WORRIED ABOUT IT, SO...

SEEING IT SMASHED UP LIKE THAT REALLY TICKED ME OFF!

LOOKS LIKE YOU PULLED IT OFF A BIT TODAY, MAMIYA-SAN.

I'M GLAD TO BE ABLE TO LET DOWN MY FAÇADE WHEN IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US...

ALL I DID WAS SAY JUST WHAT YOU TAUGHT ME TO, THOUGH...

YOU CAN DO IT WHEN YOU PUT YOUR MIND TO IT.

A FAÇADE.

TH...

THAT'S NOT TRUE AT ALL...!

...I DON'T THINK I'LL HAVE MUCH LEFT TO OFFER YOU.

BUT IF YOU KEEP IT UP LIKE THIS AND LEARN TO FORM A FAÇADE ALL ON YOUR OWN...

...AND IF YOU WEREN'T HERE, I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'D DO...

THERE'S STILL SO MUCH MORE THAT I WANT TO BE ABLE TO DO FOR YOU...

I'VE ONLY BEEN ABLE TO GET THIS FAR FROM BEING AROUND YOU...

AND EARLIER, I WAS ONLY ABLE TO MANAGE BECAUSE I SAW YOUR FACE...

???

FLASH

COME 'ERE.

YOU GOTTA GET CLOSER.

YOU WANT MINE?

HUH...?

MY PHONE?

LEMME SEE YOUR PHONE, THEN?

OKAY!

...

LOOK AT THIS ANYTIME AND LET IT LIFT YOUR SPIRITS.

Shiraki-san's cuteness may all be an act...

MY CUTENESS HAS THE POWER TO CHEER ANY-ONE UP.

...the real Shiraki-san is.

...but I'm the only one who knows how much cuter...

Afterword Backyard

Thank you very much!

Looks like volume 3 got here before I even realized it!

Salutations! Miman here!

Gyaru-senpai and Kanoko's Fated Meeting

I finally got to share one of those: Sumika's backstory...! Please let me talk about it!

In the afterword of volume 2, I touched on some "things I wanted to do that got postponed."

※ Shift 13

This set the stage for Kanoko's meeting with gyaru Sumika.

??

She knows her when she's "On," but she has no idea who this gyaru is.

Gyaru-mode

Sophisticated

Sumika is a fantastic character, with her gyaru → intellectual transformation. She was created to fill an interest gap in Liebe's cast.

I had to make sure that Kanoko never saw Sumika in gyaru-mode...

...

But it kept getting postponed...

*See volume 2 afterword

This was accomplished pretty early on while I was plotting. (*Before the start of serialization)

ほ BEAM

ほ BEAM

Let's have this happen in Shift 4.

I want to set up Sumika's character, but I can't even draw it!

After Shift 1, I didn't get the chance to introduce it again until all the way at the end of volume 2, in Shift 11!

What? Whaaat?

I had no chance to draw it, even though it's one of the most interesting parts of Liebe!

There's no chance to fit in gyaru Sumika anywhere!

Before I realized it...

I see...

This is the story of the first time that Kanoko sees so-called "gyaru" Sumika.

Editor

Shift 13 Prep Meeting

Perhaps because of **that**, Sumika's gyaru form still left somewhat of an impression...

There's no problem with Kanoko seeing her like this.

Still, I had to continue to resist. I was only able to get a bit of her "gyaru" impression back with Hime calling her "Gyaru-senpai."

...put off drawing gyaru Sumika the whole time just for the sake of this story!!!

* Happy to have successfully pulled it off

I've...

...we'll have to double check that Kanoko hasn't seen gyaru Sumika even once before this.

Still...

Editor

Until the day that we might meet again!

WHOOSH

2018

special thanx

Yuuri

So from here on out I'll keep setting those surprises up, for as long as my strength allows me!

Having things that I really want to do already laid out is like the giddy feeling of knowing you've hidden a present away.

Anyway, that was how I was finally able to draw one more plot point that I had laid out.



Hime-chan's

Review!
Café Liebe Operation Manual

Kuchen and Alcohol

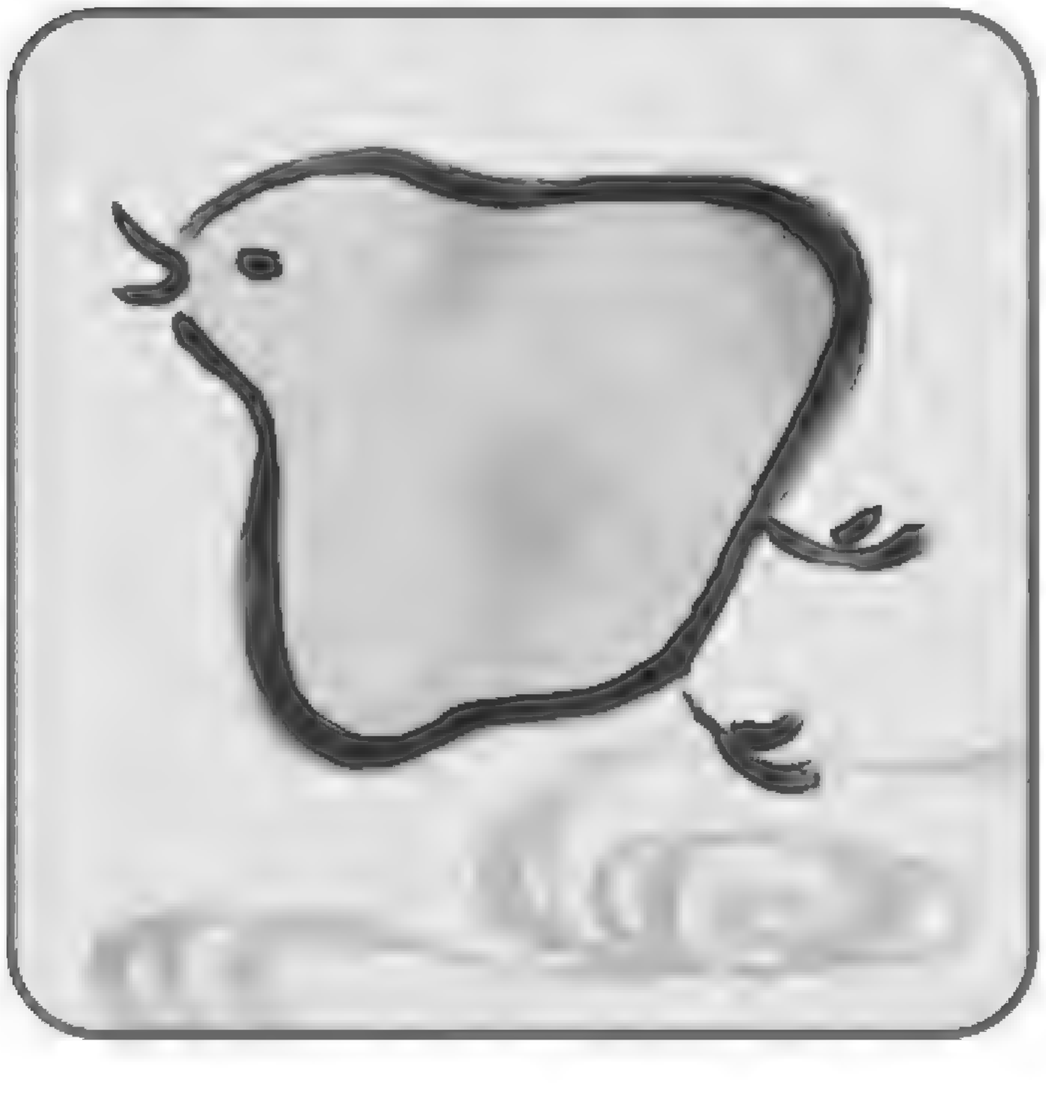
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It takes about three hours to thaw them in the refrigerator, so if you don't predict the number that you'll need to fill orders and thaw them out ahead of time, they won't be ready in time.

The reason that the *Blume Nachtisch* cakes ran out was that Nene-san underestimated how many we would need. Sometimes we also don't get enough in on shipment, so we run out of stock. When that happens, other cakes have to be substituted in.

Alcoholic beverages are always served by a third-year (Sumika-san), or a second-year (Mitsuki-san), if she's unavailable. First-years should never touch them, if possible. We're all underage students serving in the salon, of course, so even if the guests ask us about the drinks, we mustn't give them detailed responses. We don't know how they taste, after all. Even though some of us here actually are adults.





miman

Salutations.

It's the season of green new beginnings,

and the Blume selection period has begun.

Even if you can't cast your own vote,

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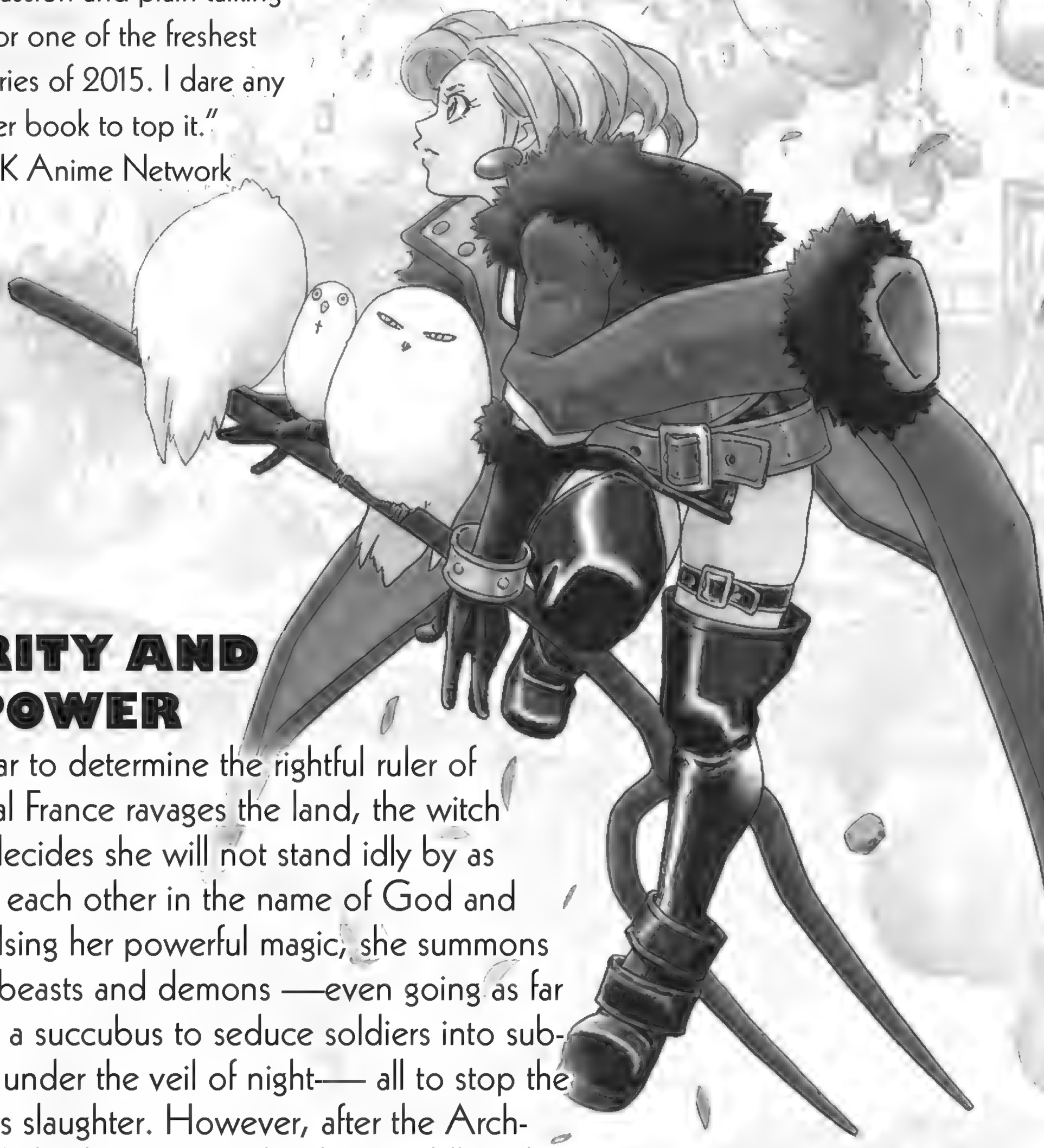
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YOU HAVE TO GIVE UP ON HIME-CHAN.

YOU REALLY ARE AN INTER-LOPER...

...I...

...SEE HOW IT IS...

CLATTER カリ

...

KANOKO-CHAN, I...

...AM GOING TO MAKE YOU GIVE UP...!

Shift
16

"Kanoko Mamiya"

There they are...

...all of my "class-mates."

HIME-CHAN, THAT'S PERFECT!

MAKING IT A VIDEO MEANS THAT EVERYONE CAN GET INVOLVED!

DEFI-NITELY!

IT'LL LEAVE A BIG IMPRES-SION!

HAMAKO, YOU'RE GOOD AT THAT KIND OF THING, RIGHT?

DOING EDITING ON THE COMPUTER AND STUFF.

WE'VE GOT A LOT TO DECIDE!

SHOULD WE GO GET THE GUYS' OPINIONS, TOO?

WE NEED EVERYONE IN ON THIS!

THWUMP

KA-CHK

...care-free and having fun.

They're always flocking around each other...

They're all such "good girls."

LET'S DO THIS!

WE'RE GONNA MAKE A PERFECT SENDOFF TOGETHER!

I...

...hate all of them.

I have my very own place.

A place that's just for me, where no one will bother me.

There's so many of them, after all.

That's a place for all of "them" to use.

...

UMPH

SO THAT'S WHERE YOU WERE!

GULP

OH...!

FLUTTER

OH!

LEMME SEE!

HIME-CHAN, LOOK!

I TRIED TAKING ONE LIKE THIS.

Ahahaha!

WHAAAT, WHAT IS THIS? IT'S TOO SILLY...

GEEZ! C'MON YOU GUYS...

Hime Shiraki-san.

She's the cutest and the most "good"...

...out of all of them.

She loves every-one...

...and everyone loves her.

She's always laughing right along-side all of them.

CLICK

But, that's my special place...

Is she such a goody two shoes that she'll tell the teacher?

Will I not be able to go up to the roof anymore?

She saw me up on the roof...

...

C'MON HIME-CHAN, YOU CAN'T TAKE IT RIGHT NOW!

WHAAAT?

...

...

YOU GOT A SEC?

MAMIYA-SAN.

ハニワ

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO FOR THE VIDEO?

IF YOU'VE DECIDED ALREADY, CAN YOU LET ME KNOW?

...TO CELEBRATE CHIAKI-SENSEI GETTING MARRIED.

WE'VE ALL DECIDED TO MAKE A VIDEO TOGETHER.

MAMIYA-SAN, IT'S...

...

VID-EO...?

OH!

YEP!

MAKING... A VIDEO...?

I HADN'T TOLD MAMIYA-SAN ABOUT IT YET!

I'M SORRY!

...

...AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO WEAVE ALL THOSE TOGETHER INTO A VIDEO.

WE'RE EACH GOING TO DO SOMETHING AND SAY A CONGRAT-ULATIONS...

THE WHOLE CLASS IS DOING IT!

YOU SHOULD PARTICIPATE, TOO, MAMIYA-SAN!

OH, OKAY.

WE'LL JUST PUT HER DOWN AS UNDECID-ED THEN.

...

Our teacher's wedding is none of my business.

...

But, I don't think this is something I can refuse.

The whole class, she says.

...I'LL...

...DO SOME-THING...

...should just do this themselves.

All those good girls...

Then she probably won't come up to the roof anymore.

Yeah...

That's probably what Shiraki-san wanted to tell me when I was on the stairs.

Oh...

Since I wasn't in the class-room.

And yet, after that...

...Shiraki-san came to the roof every single day.

I CAN'T...

...GET OUT ONTO THE ROOF ITSELF...

WHY DON'T YOU GO OUTSIDE? SEEMS LIKE IT WOULD BE RELAXING.

YOU CAN HAVE A NICE, QUIET LUNCH THERE.

THAT'S A GOOD SPOT, HUH.

Was it because she pitied me being all alone...

...or something like that?

Was it because she's a good girl?

I don't need her pity.

OH!

MAMIYA-SAAAN!

I'M GOING TO EAT MY LUNCH NOW.

SEE YOU LATER.

WE WANT TO DO A SCENE OF THE WHOLE CLASS TOGETHER FOR THE LAST SHOT OF THE COMMEMORATIVE VIDEO...

...?

WE'LL NEED THE SIGN FOR THAT.

...COULD WE GET YOU TO MAKE THE SIGNBOARD FOR THE VIDEO SHOOT?

I HATE TO ASK, BUT...

...THAT SAYS SOMETHING LIKE...

..."CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR WEDDING!"

Congratulations on Your WEDDING

WE WANT A BOARD INSIDE OF A FRAME, SOMETHING REALLY FLASHY...

YOU WANT... ME TO DO IT...?

IF THERE'S ANYTHING ABOUT IT YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, JUST ASK US, OKAY?

SO, IF YOU DON'T MIND!

WELL, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO ISN'T DOING ANYTHING YET.

WE'VE ALREADY SKETCHED THE DESIGN, SO.

...?!

Shiraki-san?

GLANCE

ちら

...

UH...M...?

...but...

I mean, I did say that I would do something...

THIS IS PERFECT.

UH...

I'LL DO IT...

THANKS!

YOU'RE GOOD AT THIS SORT OF THING, RIGHT, MAMIYA-SAN?

...

They must be mistaking me for someone else...

I THINK WE STILL HAVEN'T DECIDED ON THE LOCATION FOR THE FINAL SCENE?

I GOT US SOME DANISHES!

SO, WHERE ARE WE WITH THE FILMING RIGHT NOW?

THANK YOU!

SQUERK

Wedding Tour

The design should look kinda like this.

"Congratulations on your Wedding"

Happy Wedding

POSTA

...

OKAY, LET'S DO IT NOW.

WE SHOULD HURRY ON THAT, SHOULDN'T WE?

EVERYONE GET OVER HERE A MINUTE!

I should take a lunch break, too.

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DO THIS YOU SHOULD JUST SAY SO.

IF YOU DON'T TELL THEM, HOW WILL THEY KNOW?

TELL PEOPLE WHEN YOU DON'T LIKE THINGS.

HM?

...

I'M FINE, THOUGH?

...

...ANY-THING I HATE...

THERE ISN'T REALLY...

IF YOU DON'T SAY SOMETHING, IT MIGHT AS WELL NOT BE REAL.

YOU'RE A GOOD GIRL, MAMIYA-SAN.

What?

It's people like Shiraki-san who are "good," right?

That's all wrong.

I don't want to hear that...

...from someone like her.

KA-

POP

LET'S GO AHEAD AND GET THAT SET UP IN THE FRAME.

WOW, YOU REALLY DID IT!

THANKS, MAMIYA-SAN!

WHAT?

I THINK WE CAN GO AHEAD AND WRAP IT UP THERE.

SORRY TO HAVE ASKED ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE!

IT'S FINE, DON'T SWEAT THE DETAILS.

LOOK.

BUT...

...IT STILL ISN'T...

IT SEEMS LIKE THEY'RE PUTTING A RUSH ON THE FILMING?

...

Lunch Tomorrow
Group scene filmi

keep your schedules free!

WE'RE GOING TO BE USING THE SIGN TOMORROW, APPARENTLY.

MAKE SURE YOU'RE THERE, TOO, MAMIYA-SAN!

...

THE GROUP SCENE IS GOING TO BE UP ON THE ROOFTOP.

ANYWAY, DID YOU HEAR WHERE WE'LL BE FILMING IT?

"CON
WE
HAPP

UKEUK

Hff

Hff

Hff

Mamiya

BAM

BAM

DEK!!

SHAKI

HIME-CHAN, YOU STILL HEEERE?

OH...!

COMIIING!

UH...?

WH...

NO, I...

LOOK AT THIS!

MAMIYA-SAN!

THIS IS ABSOLUTELY UNFORGIV-ABLE.

WE FOUND THIS TOSSED UP IN THE ROOFTOP STAIRWELL.

THIS IS HORRIBLE!

It might as well not be real.

IT HAD TO HAVE BEEN SOMEONE WHO KNEW ABOUT THE VIDEO...

What...?

MAMIYA-SAN WORKED SO HARD ON MAKING THIS.

She helped me out?

Shiraki-san didn't tell them?

If you don't say some-thing...

But, then what happens if I don't say anything...?

But...

...MAKING IT...!

I HATED...

I'M THE ONE WHO BROKE IT...!

...HUH?

...

...WHAT?

MUTTER ごにゃ

MUTTER ごにゃ

MUTTER ごにゃ

SHE SAID SHE DID IT HER-SELF?

WHAT DID SHE JUST SAY?

...WAIT UNTIL NOW TO TELL US...?

...THEN WHY WOULD YOU...

BUT IF YOU HATED IT...

WHAT...?

MAMIYA-SAN COULDN'T BE THE CULPRIT!

THAT'S NOT TRUE!

MAMIYA-SAN WAS WITH ME YESTER-DAY...

JUST A MINUTE!

HUH?

MAMIYA-SAN?

THE SIGN WAS STILL PERFECTLY FINE, THEN.

MAMIYA-SAN SHOWED ME THE FINISHED SIGNBOARD AFTER SCHOOL YESTERDAY...

...AND THEN WE BOTH WENT HOME, JUST AFTER!

What?

What is she saying?

I WAS WITH MAMIYA-SAN THE WHOLE TIME UNTIL THEN.

HUH? YEAH.

SO, WAS IT THEN...?

AFTER THAT, I MET UP WITH YOU AND THE OTHERS, RIGHT SHIHO-CHAN?

But she's doing it...

...with the same good girl act as always.

Shiraki-san is lying.

...TAKING THE BLAME JUST TO PUT AN END TO THIS.

...I THINK THAT SHE WAS...

...

I'LL EXPLAIN UP ON THE ROOF LATER.

WHISPER

JUST KEEP QUIET.

WELL, YES, SHE WAS, BUT...

THEN, MAMIYA-SAN WAS LYING?

WE SHOULD GIVE UP ON THIS WITCH HUNT, TOO...

...ALL THIS HORRIBLE CASTING DOUBT ON EACH OTHER!

THAT'S JUST THE KIND OF GIRL MAMIYA-SAN IS!

WILL IT BE READY IN TIME FOR THE SHOOT?

SHOULD WE RE-MAKE IT?

EVEN IF WE KNEW WHO DID IT, NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT...

WELL, I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT...

I get it now.

Does that mean that Shiraki-san is...

THANK YOU!

IF WE ALL PITCH IN, I'M SURE WE'LL MAKE IT IN TIME!

AH... I MEAN WE COULD MAKE IT?

I GUESS IT'D BE BETTER TO USE SIMPLER MATERIALS ANYWAY?

DO YOU ALWAYS LIE LIKE THAT?

...

HOW'D YOU GET THE KEYS...?

I BORROWED THEM FOR THE SHOOT.

BECAUSE THEY TRUST ME, YOU KNOW.

CREAK

HUH...?

COME ON.

I TOLD YOU, LET'S TALK ON THE ROOF.

KA-CHIK

KA-CHIK

JUST LIKE THEY ALL BELIEVED ME THIS MORNING.

YEP, THAT'S IT.

...

IS THAT IT?

MY WORD OVER YOURS.

YOU'VE GOT TO WORK ON YOUR FAÇADE, MAMIYA-SAN.

IS THAT THE KIND OF PERSON YOU ARE, SHIRAKI-SAN?

HOLDING YOURSELF BACK TO GET ALONG WITH EVERYONE...

HOLDING YOURSELF BACK TO FIT IN WITH EVERY-ONE...

THAT WHOLE GOOD GIRL ACT OF YOURS?

BY "FAÇADE," YOU MEAN...

...HATE PEOPLE LIKE THAT!

I...

I'M ABOUT TO LOSE MY SPECIAL PLACE!!!

THEY'RE ALWAYS RIGHT, JUST BECAUSE THEY'RE "GOOD GIRLS"!

THEY'RE ARROGANT, AND INCONSIDERATE!

I HATE!!!!

EVERYONE...!

AKIHIKO

SHUT...

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YOU'VE BEEN HOLDING BACK BY NOT SAYING SO, HAVEN'T YOU?

THERE ARE THINGS YOU HATE.

SEE? I KNEW IT.

Shiraki-san...

...was different.

EVERY-ONE'S...

...BEEN CAUSING YOU NOTHING BUT TROUBLE, HAVEN'T THEY?

IT'S REALLY ANNOYING TO SEE YOU REFUSING TO SPEAK UP ABOUT THINGS YOU DISLIKE.

IT'S REALLY BEEN BOTHERING ME.

AND YET YOU KEPT YOUR MOUTH SHUT, LIKE A GOOD GIRL.

THAT'S EXACTLY WHY I SPOKE UP.

BECAUSE YOU SAID SO.

BUT...

...IT DIDN'T GO VERY WELL.

I KEPT MY MOUTH SHUT...

...ABOUT YOU BREAK-ING THE SIGN, AND THEN YOU GO AND CONFESS...

WELL...

...I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE **THAT.**

YOU'RE SO BAD AT THIS.

NNNNGH

AREN'T I?

...YOU'RE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM YOUR USUAL SELF...

...SHIRAKI-SAN...

I'M NOT HOLDING BACK FOR THE SAKE OF EVERYONE ELSE...

...IT'S BECAUSE EVERYONE WANTS ME.

I CAPITALIZE ON THIS CUTENESS OF MINE...

I MAINTAIN A PERFECT, ADORABLE "FAÇADE!"

...SO THAT I CAN BE A PERSON WHO ANYONE COULD LOVE!

AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I'M STRIVING FOR.

I'M NEVER GONNA BE JUST SOME LITTLE "GOOD GIRL."

I WON'T HOLD BACK FROM EVERY-ONE.

She's one of them...

...but she's nothing like the rest of them.

I'LL STOP BEING A GOOD GIRL, WHO NEVER OPENS HER MOUTH.

I'LL STOP.

Shiraki-san is different.

YEAH...

SO ANYWAY, MAMIYA-SAN...

...YOU COULD TRY A LITTLE HARDER...

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS ABOUT THIS, MAMIYA-SAN.

...

HONESTLY, I NEVER WANTED ANYONE ELSE TO FIND OUT AGAIN.

PEOPLE FOUND OUT ABOUT IT ONCE, AND THEY NEVER SAW ME THE SAME.

ANYWAY!

YOU CAN'T TELL ANYONE THAT I'M PUTTING ON A FAÇADE, OKAY? NO ONE!

I UNDER-STAND.

I SEE...

YOU LET IT SLIP TO ME BECAUSE YOU WERE HELPING ME...

THAT'S RIGHT!

I HAD TO SAVE YOUR BUTT...

SHE GOT THE WRONG IDEA ABOUT ME AND TOLD EVERY-ONE...

BUT SHE WAS JUST SO BAD AT PUTTING ON APPEARAN-CES...

...I COULDN'T HELP GETTING INVOLVED.

?

SIGH

...

YOU REMIND ME A LOT OF HER.

THE GIRL WHO GAVE ME AWAY BEFORE.

I...!

WON'T EVER HATE YOU, SHIRAKI-SAN?

I'M GLAD I FINALLY MADE A REAL FRIEND, AFTER ALL!

I SURE HOPE NOT!

FLINCH

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...IN THE END IT SEEMS SHE JUST ENDED UP HATING ME.

AND YET...

Wh...?

Whaaaat?!

...

WHEN IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US.

JUST LET ME GIVE MY FAÇADE A REST.

FWMP

Her lips are so glossy, and she has such dainty features.

It feels like you could get lost in her... Wait, is that what that means?!

Her eyelashes are so long... and her skin is so clear...

Is that her hair? It smells wonderful.

And that was where our story began, me and Hime-chan.

...is an amazing thing.

Being cute...

From that day forth...

...I was Hime-chan's only friend.



Her only special person.

To be continued.

Yuri Is My Job!